

Memorandum

U.S. Department
of Transportation

Maritime Administration

Date: April 20, 2007

Subject: Partial Lifting of Moratorium on Ship Disposal from the National Defense Reserve Fleet

From: Maritime Administrator

To: Associate Administrator for National Security
Director, Office of Ship Disposal

By my memorandum directive of February 21, 2007, further to my memorandum directive pertaining to ship disposal from Suisun Bay, California, of January 21, 2007, I imposed an Administration-wide moratorium on ship disposal actions from the National Defense Reserve Fleet.

Based on consultations with and assurances by officials of the Commonwealth of Virginia that the Maritime Administration is not violating any federal or state law by cleaning vessel hulls, the moratorium is lifted effective this date for all ship disposal actions pertaining to vessels of the National Defense Reserve Fleet located in the James River, Virginia. The moratorium otherwise on removals shall remain in force for vessels located in Suisun Bay, California, and Beaumont, Texas, until further notice.

The Maritime Administrator and/or his designees shall be informed before any ship disposal action is commenced and at least ten days before disposal vessels are scamped or removed from the fleets prior to disposal. The Maritime Administrator shall be informed immediately of the nature and content of any expression of concern by any state or local official pertaining to any disposal action.



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